

Resources for Bibliology

Related Helpful Books

Terry Hall. *How the Bible Became a Book*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1990.

John Wenham. *Christ and the Bible*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1972.

R. Laird Harris. *Inspiration and Canonicity of the Bible*, rev. Zondervan, 1969.

Ryan M. Reeves & Charles E. Hill. *Know How We Got Our Bible*. Zondervan, 2018.

Peter J. Williams. *Can We Trust the Gospels?* Wheaton: Crossway, 2018.

English Bible Translations, Versions, and Paraphrases

King James Version (KJV), 1611 [1769]
American Standard Version (ASV), 1901
Revised Standard Version (RSV), 1952
The New Testament in Modern English (J. B. Phillips), 1958, 1972
The [New] Berkeley Version, 1959, 1969
The Amplified Bible (AMP), 1965, 1987, 2015
The New English Bible (NEB), 1970
New American Standard Bible (NASB[u]), 1971, 1995
The Living Bible (Kenneth Taylor), 1971
New International Version (NIV), 1978, 1984, 2011
The New King James Version (NKJV), 1982
The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), 1989
The Revised English Bible (REB), 1989
The Contemporary English Version (CEV), 1995
The New Living Translation (NLT), 1996, 2004
The English Standard Version (ESV), 2001, 2007, 2011, 2016
The Message (Eugene Peterson), 2002, 2018
The [Holman] Christian Standard Bible ([H]CSB), 2004, 2010, 2017
Today's New International Version (TNIV), 2005
The New English Translation (The NET Bible), 2006

Chain of Revelation (Hall)

God
Revelation
Inspiration
Inerrancy
Recognition
Canonization
Preservation
Translation
Observation
Interpretation
Illumination
[Authority]
Application
(Personal, Family, Church, Nation, World)

Questions about our Bible

1. What are special qualities about the Bible? Why do you believe it is unique?
2. What kind of impact or effect does the Bible have on my life? What about its impact on others?
3. What basic information about the Bible's teaching about itself should I know?
4. Who wrote the Bible? How was God involved?
5. When was the Bible written?
6. What did the earliest Bibles look like and what were the writing materials used? How did the Bible writers write?
7. What were the languages of the earliest Bibles? Were there early translations of the Bible? What were they?
8. How were the books selected which we find in our Bibles? Who did this? When did they do it?
9. Why do different Christian groups have different books in their Bibles? Why is there a difference between our Bible and my Roman Catholic (or Greek Orthodox) friend's Bible? Which is right?
10. How do we know that the Bible we have today is just like the original Bibles? How has it been preserved?
11. What is the big discussion about the original kind of Greek texts used for the New Testament? Why is there such debate about this?
12. What versions of the English Bible are most helpful?
13. What are the advantages or disadvantages of different versions? What is the best version for me? What is the difference between a translation and a version?
14. How is our Bible put together? What is the logic of the order of the books? Why did the earlier versions have different orders?
15. Who gathered the books of the Bible and when and why and how was the grouping of Bible books completed?
16. How should I read my Bible? What kind of a plan? How many chapters?
17. How can I understand the Bible when it is so deep, difficult, and complicated? What is the use of many parts that seem to have no relationship to real life? Yet, how can it be understood even by those of limited understanding—young children and those with mental disabilities?
18. I've heard that some good Christians believe there are unimportant errors in the Bible? Are there? What about seeming contradictions?
19. How do I know whose interpretation of the Bible is correct? Many fine scholars disagree. Who is right?
20. How can reading the Bible give me wisdom? How do we move from facts to teaching and a way to live?
21. How do we discern what commands of the Bible are to be followed today and which were intended for another time?